

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO | | Complete if Known | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) | | Application Number | 09/961,055 |
| | | Filing Date | September 24, 2001 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Masaaki HIROKI et al. |
| | | Group Art Unit | 2871 |
| | | Examiner Name | Z. Qi |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0756-2367 | | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | U.S. Patent Document | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---|-------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
| | | Official Action dated April 4, 2007 and Corresponding Claims of Application Serial No. 09/286,509, now abandoned. | |
| | | Specification, Original Claims, Abstract, and Drawings of Application Serial No. 09/288,509 filed April 8, 1999, now abandoned. | |
| | | Specification, Original Claims, Abstract, Drawings and Pending Claims on Appeal as of July 10, 2006 of Application Serial No. 09/285,899 filed April 8, 1999. | |
| | | Official Action dated March 9, 2000 and Corresponding Claims of Application Serial No. 09/316,198, now abandoned. | |
| | | Specification, Claims, Abstract, and Drawings of Application Serial No. 09/316,198 filed May 21, 1999, now abandoned. | |
| | | Pending Claims as of December 12, 2007 of U.S. Publication No. 2006/0151792 (Serial No. 11/374,038) | |
| | | Pending Claims as of October 31, 2007 of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0001965 (Serial No. 10/836,246) | |
| | | Pending Claims as of September 17, 2007 of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0007329 (Serial No. 10/844,347) | |
| Examiner Signature | /Zhi Qi/ | | Date Considered 05/30/2008 |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /MQ/



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|---|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) | | Complete if Known | |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 2 |
| Application Number | | 09/961,055 | |
| Filing Date | | September 24, 2001 | |
| First Named Inventor | | Masaaki HIROKI et al. | |
| Group Art Unit | | 2871 | |
| Examiner Name | | Z. QI | |
| Attorney Docket Number | | 0756-2367 | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | U.S. Patent Document | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | | 6,281,520 | | Yamazaki | 08/28/2001 | |
| | | 6,011,277 | | Yamazaki | 01/04/2000 | |
| | | 6,737,676 | | Yamazaki | 05/18/2004 | |
| | | 5,905,555 | | Yamazaki et al. | 05/18/1999 | |
| | | 5,899,547 | | Yamazaki et al. | 05/04/1999 | |
| | | 5,946,059 | | Yamazaki et al. | 08/31/1999 | |
| | | 7,154,147 | | Yamazaki et al. | 12/26/2006 | |
| | | 2006/0151792 | | Yamazaki et al. | 07/13/2006 | |
| | | 6,023,075 | | Yamazaki | 02/08/2000 | |
| | | 7,098,479 | | Yamazaki | 08/29/2006 | |
| | | 7,067,844 | | Yamazaki | 06/27/2006 | |
| | | 6,838,698 | | Yamazaki et al. | 01/04/2005 | |
| | | 7,253,437 | | Yamazaki et al. | 08/07/2007 | |
| | | 2007/0252149 | | Yamazaki et al. | 11/01/2007 | |
| | | 2005/0001965 | | Hiroki et al. | 01/06/2005 | |
| | | 2005/0007329 | | Hiroki et al. | 01/13/2005 | |
| | | 6,437,367 | | Yamazaki et al. | 08/20/2002 | |
| | | 6,436,815 | | Yamazaki et al. | 08/20/2002 | |

| OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ³ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
| | | Pending Claims on Appeal as of January 21, 2004 of Application Serial No. 90/006,102 filed August 29, 2001 (Reexamination of U.S. Patent 5,905,555). | |
| | | Official Action dated March 24, 2006 and Corresponding Claims for Application Serial No. 09/300,596. | |
| | | Official Action dated December 26, 2006 and Corresponding Claims for Application Serial No. 09/300,596. | |
| | | Specification, Original Claims, Abstract, Drawings and Pending Claims as of June 26, 2006 of Application Serial No. 09/300,596 filed April 28, 1999. | |
| | | Specification, Original Claims, Abstract, Drawings and Allowed Claims as of November 8, 2007 of Application Serial No. 09/288,140 Filed April 8, 1999. | |
| Examiner Signature | /Zhi Qi/ | | Date Considered 05/30/2008 |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /MQ/